

2003 STRIPED BASS SUMMARY FOR CHARTER BOATS

A copy of Regulation 4VAC-20-252-10 ET Seq., "Pertaining to the taking of striped bass", has been included. Each fisherman, captain, or boat operator is responsible for complying with all restrictions and requirements contained in regulation 4VAC-20-252-10 ET Seq. Regulation 4VAC-20-252-50 requires the mandatory reporting of fish kept during each season.

TROPHY SEASON VA BAY & TRIBS: May 1, 2003- June 15, 2003 REPORTS DUE: June 30, 2003

(This season does not include the Virginia tributaries of the Potomac River)

- , REPORTS MUST INCLUDE LENGTH OF FISH SIZE LIMIT: 32 inch minimum size
- , POSSESSION LIMIT: 1 fish per person.
- , NO FISHING in the spawning reaches defined as follows:
 - * James River - a line connecting Dancing Pt and New Sunken Meadow Ck upstream to a line connecting City Pt and Packs Pt.
 - * Pamunkey River - from the Route 33 Bridge at West Point upstream to a line connecting Liberty Hall and the opposite shore.
 - * Mattaponi River - from the Route 33 Bridge at West Point upstream to the Route 360 Bridge at Aylett.
 - * Rappahannock River - from the Route 360 Bridge at Tappahannock upstream to the Route 3 Bridge at Fredericksburg.

SPRING - VA. BAY & TRIBS: May 16, 2003 - June 15, 2003 REPORTS DUE: June 30, 2003

(This season DOES NOT INCLUDE the Virginia tributaries of the Potomac River).

- , POSSESSION SIZE: 18-inch minimum size, 28-inch maximum size.
- , POSSESSION LIMIT: 2 fish per person, 1 fish may be 32" or greater.

FALL-VA. BAY & TRIBS: October 4, 2003 - December 31, 2003 REPORTS DUE: Jan. 15, 2004

(This season DOES NOT INCLUDE the Virginia tributaries of the Potomac River).

- , POSSESSION SIZE: 18 inch minimum size,
- , POSSESSION LIMIT: 2 fish per person.

VA COASTAL FISHERY: January 1, 2002 - March 31, 2003 May 16, 2002 - December 31, 2003

**REPORT DUE: April 15, 2003
REPORT DUE: January 15, 2004**

- , POSSESSION SIZE: 28-inch minimum size.
- , POSSESSION LIMIT: 2 fish per person.

VA COASTAL TROPHY SEASON: May 1, 2003 - May 15, 2003 REPORTS DUE MAY 31, 2003

- , REPORTS MUST INCLUDE LENGTH OF FISH SIZE LIMIT: 32 inch minimum size
- , POSSESSION LIMIT: 1 fish per person.

"COASTAL AREA" = the area that includes Virginia's portion of the Territorial Sea, plus all of the creeks, bays, inlets, and tributaries on the seaside of Accomack County, Northampton County (including areas east of the causeway from Fisherman Island to the mainland), and the City of Virginia Beach (including federal areas and state parks, fronting on the Atlantic Ocean and east and south of the point where the shoreward boundary of the Territorial Sea joins the mainland at Cape Henry).

SPRING - POTOMAC RIVER TRIBS: APRIL 19, 2003 - MAY 15, 2003 REPORTS DUE: MAY 31, 2003

BELOW HARRY W. NICE BRIDGE (RT. 301)

- , REPORTS MUST INCLUDE LENGTH OF FISH SIZE LIMIT: 28 inch minimum size
- , POSSESSION LIMIT: 1 fish per person

SUMMER/FALL - POTOMAC RIVER TRIBS: MAY 16, 2003 - DECEMBER 31, 2003 REPORTS DUE: JAN. 15, 2004

BELOW WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE (I-95)

- , POSSESSION SIZE: 18 inch minimum size, **NO MAXIMUM SIZE FOR 1st FISH,**
- , POSSESSION LIMIT: 2 fish per person. **28 INCH MAXIMUM FOR 2nd FISH.**

Gear: Hook-and-Line fishing only

- , Alteration of striped bass while aboard any boat/vessel or from shore/pier so that total length cannot be determined is prohibited.
- , Spearing or gaffing or attempting to spear or gaff striped bass is prohibited.
- , Transfer of any striped bass to another person while on the water or while fishing from a pier or shore is prohibited.
- , Striped bass fishing is prohibited in federal waters (VA three-mile limit line).
- , Possession limit: When fishing from a boat or vessel where the entire catch is held in a common hold or container, the possession limit shall be for the boat and shall be equal to the number of persons on board legally eligible to fish multiplied by the applicable personal possession limit.
- , The captain or operator of the boat or vessel shall be responsible for any boat or vessel possession limit.
- , No sale of hook & line caught striped bass.

REPORT FORM HELPFUL HINTS:

- , HOURS FISHED (rod hours) are the number of rods you are using times the length of time they are fishing (i.e. 1 person using 4 rods trolled for 2 hours equals 8 rod/hrs).
- , VMRC would appreciate any LENGTH INFORMATION on rockfish that are kept or released, please see the reporting form. Length information is required for fish kept during the Trophy seasons.



- , LENGTHS are total lengths in inches (to the nearest 1/4-inch). Total length is measured in a straight line from tip of nose to tip of tail.
- , WEIGHTS (in pounds) are optional.
- , If fishing at the VA Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT), please indicate the nearest island where each fish is caught (CBBT 2ND Island).